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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Acting Chief, DPD

**SUBJECT:** Joint Reconnaissance Center

**REFERENCE:** Memorandum for the Record from EO/DPD:  
subject as above; dated 12 April 1961  
(DPD 2133-61)

25X1A 1. This office and Communications office have been repeatedly contacted informally by representatives of the Joint Reconnaissance Center (JRC). The last such contact was made by Colonel Ragsdale on 16 April 1961. Colonel Ragsdale had discussed air support matters with [REDACTED] and was introduced to me as the man in JRC who would do the same job as Colonel Benson has done for the Air Force.

2. An informal discussion was held with Colonel Benson and Colonel Ragsdale and the DPD position outlined by the Acting Chief, DPD was again stated. In addition, Colonel Ragsdale was advised that we would be interested, at the time the JRC assumes over-all control, in specific procedures, outlined in detail, to include operating times of the JRC so that from an operations standpoint DPD could assure that all outside coordination, such as air defense and reconnaissance, had been accomplished.

3. The referenced memorandum again indicates that JRC will be the sole DOD contact. In my opinion this will be unacceptable since the JRC will probably work on an 8 hour day 5 day week and will not be manned to handle the necessary traffic in support of IDEALIST operations.

SIGNED

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Lt. Colonel USAF

Chief, Special Projects Branch, DPD

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